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November 19, 2007

Mr. Michael Israel
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Dear Mr. Israel:

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA), Office of Emergency Services, Office of the State Fire Marshal, Department of Toxic Substances Control, and the State Water Resources Control Board conducted a program evaluation of the Amador County Environmental Health Department Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) on February 22 and 23, 2005. The evaluation consisted of a review of program elements, an in-office program review, and field oversight inspections. The State evaluators completed a CUPA Evaluation Summary of Findings with your agency's program management staff, which includes identified deficiencies, with preliminary corrective actions and timeframes, program observations and recommendations, and examples of outstanding program implementation.

Cal/EPA has received documentation of corrective actions taken by Amador County Environmental Health Department CUPA for the deficiencies found during the evaluation process. After reviewing the Evaluation Summary of Findings and the documentation of corrective actions, Cal/EPA considers the following deficiencies in progress on being corrected.

1. The CUPA does not have AEO form incorporated into the Inspection and Enforcement Plan.
2. The CUPA's Area Plan does not have all the required elements.
3. The CUPA is not inspecting all businesses subject to the business plan for compliance every three years.
4. The CUPA is not requiring businesses, subject to the hazardous materials reporting requirements to annual submit their hazardous materials inventory or certification statement.
5. CUPA is not requiring business, subject to the hazardous materials reporting requirements, to certify and review the update of the entire business plan every three years.
6. The CUPA has not established a CalARP dispute resolution procedure.

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Cal/EPA appreciates the actions taken by Amador County Environmental Health Department. The six remaining deficiencies from the 2005 evaluation will be incorporated into the 2007 evaluation scheduled for November 28 and 29, 2007. Amador County Environmental Health Department CUPA rating on the 2005 evaluation has been changed from unsatisfactory to satisfactory with some improvement. The rating will remain as satisfactory with some improvements needed until the 2007 evaluation team determines that these remaining deficiencies are corrected.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the protection of public health and the environment. If you have any questions or need further assistance, you may contact me at (916) 327-5097 or jbohon@calepa.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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